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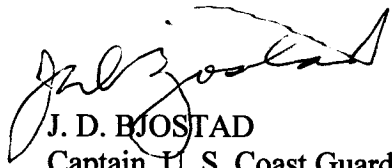
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## MARINE SAFETY INFORMATION BULLETIN 24-05

### **Post-storm Hurricane Katrina for Captain of the Port Mobile Area of Operations**

1. **Current port and waterway status:**
  - a. **Port of Panama City** is open to all traffic with a draft of 34 feet or less.
  - b. **Port of Pensacola** is open to all traffic with a draft of 31 feet or less. NAVSTA Pensacola is open to all traffic with a draft of 34 feet or less.
  - c. **Port of Mobile** is open to all traffic with a draft of 42 feet or less. Daylight transits only. There are minimal temporary aids to navigation in the channel and all vessels should proceed with caution. Theodore Channel is open to all traffic with a draft of 37 feet or less. The Chickasaw Creek, Arlington Channel, and Garrows Bend are open to all traffic with a draft of 12 feet or less.
  - d. **Port of Pascagoula** is open to all traffic with a draft of 12 feet or less and daylight transits only. There are minimal aids to navigation in the channel and all vessels should proceed with caution. Three obstructions at various locations at 20 feet or more are being investigated.
  - e. **Port of Gulfport** is closed at this time. Obstructions are being investigated and removed by ACOE and Navy divers with Coast Guard assistance. Temporary aids to navigation are being established. Date and time of reopening is unknown at this time.
  - f. **Gulf Intra-Coastal Waterway** is open from Pascagoula east to MM 350. The GICW from Pascagoula west to MM 60 is closed and has no aids to navigation. Temporary aids are being established. Sector Mobile is also assisting Sector New Orleans with establishing temporary aids to navigation beyond MM 60 to Mississippi River. Date and time of reopening is unknown.

- g. Current information may be obtained from the COTP Mobile Voice Mail Announcement system at phone number 251-441-5080.
2. Further questions may be addressed by contacting Sector Mobile at (251) 441-5976.



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